



## ***CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 168 towns and cities.

### **HB 5239 "An Act Concerning Accommodations for English Language Learners"**

CCM supports HB 5239.

HB 5239 would require school districts to provide reasonable accommodations to students who are English language learners, which may include more time to complete school work, providing tests or assessments in a student's native language or the creation of programs that include bilingual education or an English Second Language program.

CCM supports efforts to help students thrive and succeed in the classroom who are English language learners. Language barriers can be a large roadblock for students schooling and local and regional school districts should offer reasonable accommodations to better help these students advance and reach their full potential.

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